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Westminster, April 12.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Saunderson, Gentleman Usher of the Black-Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for making forth New Exchequer Bills, not exceeding one Million, at a certain Interest, and for lending the same to the South Sea Company at a higher Interest, upon Security of repaying the same and such high Interest into the Exchequer, for Uses to which the Fund for lessening the Publick Debts (called the Sinking Fund) is applicable; and for Circulating and Exchanging upon Demand the said Bills at or near the Exchequer.

And to one Private Bill.

From the Imperial Camp at Castel Vetrano, March 27. On the 15th Instant Admiral Byng left the Coast of Naples, and on the 19th arrived at Trapani. On the 20th he came hither, attended by a Guard which Count Mercy had sent to meet him. On the 21st a Trumpeter was sent to the Marquess de Lede, who is encamped with the Spanish Army about Alcamo, with a Letter from the Marquess Beretti Landi; at the same time Count Mercy wrote to acquaint him with Admiral Byng's Arrival here; and several Messages have since passed between the two Camps, relating to a Cessation of Arms and the Evacuation of Sicily and Sardinia.

Berne, April 10. On the 4th Instant seven Bailliages or Governments of this Canton were disposed of by Lot or Ballot to as many Members of the Sovereign Council, which has since been employed in filling up several Places become vacant in the Easter-Week by the usual Rotation of the Employments of this Republick, which are commonly held for five or six Years. The said Sovereign Council was likewise assembled on the 6th Instant, to give the necessary Instructions to the two Deputies, whom they named a Fortnight ago for the Conference appointed to be held at Arberg with those on the Part of Fribourg and Soleurre, concerning the Differences arisen lately between these three Cantons about Matters of Trade and Commerce; these Deputies are since set out from hence for the Execution of their Commission. M. Runkel, who had resided several Years at Schaffhuysen in the Quality of Resident of the Duke of Wirtemberg to the Protestant Cantons, and who was at the same time Agent of the States General of the United Provinces in this Country, died there some Days ago of a Dropsy, and is much lamented for his Merit and Probity. It is advised from Geneva the 2d Instant that the Lords Spencer and Ryalton were arrived there, with several other English Gentlemen.

Genoa, April 9. Yesterday the Senate returned Answer to the several Ministers, who had made Instances for the siezing of Cardinal Alberoni, viz. That when the Orders were given for withdrawing the Guard which had been set upon him, they did not know what Crimes were laid to his Charge: They likewise assured the said Ministers that he is gone out of the Territories of this State; but that they do not know whithers. They further acquainted them, that they had given Direction to the Inquisitors of State, to examine strictly all such of their Subjects as had any Intercourse with the Cardinal during his Abode at Sestri, in order to discover to what Place he is fled: Declaring, That if he return into the Dominions of this Republick, he shall be secured and delivered up. The Canon Gandolfo, who harboured the Cardinal in his House at Sestri, is actually imprisoned: It is expected the Inquisitors of State will forthwith examine him and others, and make their Report in a few Days.

Office of Ordnance.

These are to give Notice, that the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance, will be ready on Tuesday the 26th of this Instant April, to receive Proposals in writing (sealed up) at their Office in the Tower, from such Persons as shall be willing to furnish His Majesty with Cordage.

On Friday the 29th of April 1720, *at two in the Afternoon, will be exposed to Sale, by Inch of Candle, by Order of the Honourable Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, in the Long-Room in the Custom-House, London, a Parcel of India-Silks and Callicoes, French Allomodes and Lustrings, clear of all Duties, to be exported; one Piece of Cherry-Colour Sattin, and one Piece of Cherry-Colour Mantua-Silk, clear of all Duties, and to be used here; to be seen at the King's Ware-house on Wednesday the 27th and on Thursday the 28th, from 8 to 12 and from 2 till 5, and on Friday the 29th from 8 till 12 in the Forenoon.*

General